

South Mimms Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday 9th July 2020 at 7.00 p.m. via Zoom
as the Village Hall remains closed due to Covid-19

Present: **Chair:** Councillor Yvonne Harverson
 Vice Chair: Councillor Paula Arnold
 Councillor: Neil Pumfrey
 Clerk: Ms Natalie Gettings

Councillor Mark Edwards joined the meeting at 7.15pm

The 5th Councillor position will remain vacant until public elections can be held in 2021, This this is due to Covid-19 legislation.

Public Attendance 1 person

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- 15/20 Chairperson Yvonne Harverson opened the meeting by thanking everyone for joining.
- 16/20 Apologies for Absence – Mark Edwards, who later join the meeting audio only at 7.15pm
- 17/20 Declarations of Councillors’ Interests – None initially. Later - Cllr Mark Edwards, declared that he is the owner of a property currently applying for planning permission for a loft conversion.
- 18/20 The Minutes of the February 2020 Meeting were approved and signed by Chairperson, Cllr Harverson.

Finance:

- 19/20 The 2019 / 2020 accounts were accepted as audited by Mr Alex Sage, and it was noted that these could now go on to submission to PKF Littlejohn the external auditor. The Council accepts the Annual Governance Statement within the full submission, which is required this year as the grant to the school put the council over the reporting threshold.
- 20/20 St Giles School has asked for a Grant towards the purchase interactive white boards. After discussion it was agreed that the sum of £750 would be granted, which is within this year’s budget.
- 21/20 Covid-19 Response.
As the Village Hall is remaining closed until further notice, the Chairperson proposed the issuing a dispensation for the Council not to meet in person during 2020 until such time as it is deemed safe to do so. This was seconded by the Vice Chair and agreed by Cllr Pumfrey. No council meetings are held in August anyway, so as things stand the next meeting will be

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on Thursday 3rd September at 7.30pm and will take place via Zoom. The code to join this meeting will be available from the clerk in advance. Zoom is free software and is approved for use in meetings by the Hertfordshire Association of Town and Parish Councils.

22/20 Planning.

The Clerk explained that Hertsmere Borough Council sent out the Planning Consultation leaflet 5 days early and that unfortunately this had not included the change of location of the new Parish Council Post Box. Mr Harverson is kindly installing the post box on Friday 10th July and the Public Consultation period formally starts on Monday 13th July (which is when the leaflets should have been delivered.) Responses can also be made on-line via the South Mimms Parish Council Website.

Chairperson Harverson thanked everyone for joining the meeting which closed at 7.28 pm.

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